

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

HIV & TB Media Reporting Project

Amplify the Response: Ethical & Impactful Reporting on HIV & TB

Project Coverage Locations:

Abuja FCT, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Benue,
Cross River, Kogi, Nasarawa

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Project Duration:

2 Months | September – October 2026

Application Deadline:

Close of Business, 31st August 2026

BACKGROUND

AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF-Nigeria) currently provides free HIV testing, treatment, care, and TB services across 7 states of operation in Nigeria.

Despite significant gains recorded in HIV/AIDS treatment and the stride toward the 95-95-95 targets (<https://www.unaids.org/en/2026-2031-global-aids-strategy>), global challenges still remain in TB reduction, stigma, misinformation, including funding gaps, which remains major barriers to an AIDS free generation.

Media is key to closing these gaps.

This Reporting Project will support journalists to produce accurate, incisive, well researched human-centered, stigma-free stories that can impact HIV testing, treatment uptake, STI's prevention including consistent and correct use of condoms and public accountability for HIV/TB service delivery in AHF.

Project Goals and objectives

Goal: Increase quality, ethical, and solutions-focused media coverage of HIV and TB in Nigeria.

Objectives for Selected Journalists:

- Receive immersive mentoring on HIV/TB science, U=U, TB-HIV co-infection, domestic financing, local ARVs manufacturing, including challenges in the implementation of Nigeria's Anti-Discrimination Act 2014
- Develop and publish 2 in-depth reports per journalist: 2 feature/investigative stories with a human angle bent
- Stigma reduction: report should reflect person-first, rights-based language and prioritize voices of PLHIV and TB survivors in an ethical manner.
- Accountability: report should highlight some of the below issues:
- Access to treatment, budget performance, and community-led monitoring in AHF-supported facilities.

WHO CAN APPLY

AHF invites journalists from print, online, broadcast, photographic storytelling and community media.

Eligibility Criteria:

Location: Applicants must reside in and report from one of these Locations: Abuja FCT, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Benue, Cross River, Kogi, or Nasarawa.

Experience: Minimum of 2 years professional journalism experience with verifiable published/broadcast work.

Affiliation: Applicants must be attached to a media organization or have a letter of intent to publish from an editor/publisher. Freelancers are eligible with a publishing commitment in a notable media organization

Commitment: Applicants must be available for a virtual orientation, field visits, and must publish all 2 stories within a 2-month period. September – October 2026

Interest: Demonstrated interest in health, human rights, or development reporting is an advantage.

Priority will be given to: Women journalists, journalists with disabilities, and reporters from community/local language media.

WHAT SELECTED JOURNALISTS WILL RECEIVE

Capacity Training: A full day immersive virtual orientation on HIV/TB reporting, data journalism, ethics, and safety. Orientation will be facilitated by NACA, NASCP, NTBLCP, AHF Technical Team, and senior editors.

Reporting Grant: Modest funds are available to support selected journalist on field work to cover logistics for 2 stories.

Editorial Mentorship: One-on-one support from an assigned senior health journalist/editor to refine story angles and drafts.

Key access: Facilitate access to AHF-supported facilities, State AIDS/TB Control programs [SACAs/TB focal persons, PLHIV networks, and TB survivor groups for interviews.

Recognition: Certificate of participation from AHF Nigeria and feature of top stories on AHF global platforms.

DELIVERABLES & EXPECTATIONS

Each selected journalist must:

- Attend the full day virtual orientation training. Data support to be provided by AHF Nigeria.
- Submit 3 story pitches and complete 2 selected stories within the project timeline of October 2026.
- Ensure the 2 selected stories are published/broadcast in media outlets with verifiable reach.
- Submit published links, PDFs, or audio files to AHF.
- Adhere strictly to AHF/UNAIDS ethical guidelines: informed consent, no patient identification without consent, no stigmatizing language or images.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit one PDF document to: Procurement.Nigeria@aidshealth.org

Or Click: <https://forms.gle/S8U4HLqQCcCc43Cg7>

Subject Line: AHF HIV/TB Reporting Project 2026

Your application must include:

- **CV** – Maximum 2 pages.
- **Cover Letter/Motivation Statement** – 250 words max. State why you should be selected and the HIV/TB issue you are most passionate about covering.
- **Story Pitch** – 200 words for each story idea you would pursue under this project. Include proposed sources and angle.
- **Work Samples**– Links or PDFs of 2 published/broadcast stories. At least 1 should be on health or development.
- **Editor's Letter of Support** – From your media house confirming support and commitment to publish your work.

Application Deadline: Monday, 31st August 2026, 11:59 PM WAT

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

SELECTION & TIMELINE

Activity Date

Call Opens 10th August 2026

Application Deadline 31st August 2026

Notification of Selected Journalists 14th September 2026

Selection Criteria

Relevance and quality of work samples 15%, Strength of story pitch 35%, Journalism experience 15%, Gender diversity 15%, Editor support 10%.

At least 7 journalists will be selected in this first edition of the program.

8. CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions or clarifications, contact:

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